

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose or suggest the claimed method for facilitating maintenance of an inkjet printer of a type having a pagewidth printhead with "the capper being configured to cap the pagewidth printhead and removably engage with a capping mechanism of the second portion during attachment of the first and second portions and to uncap the pagewidth printhead upon operation of the capping mechanism of the second portion, the operation of the capping mechanism being controlled in accordance with a position of the capper sensed by a sensor of the second portion" in combination with the remaining claim elements set forth in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Goldberg whose telephone number is (571)272-2728. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9AM-5PM EST.

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